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Response Due Date 04/18/2013

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00531814

REFERENCE: 30 DAY POST-GENERAL REPORT (10/18/2012 - 11/26/2012)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 3 item(s):

- 1. Schedule E supporting Line 24 of your report, and the supporting 24 Hour Reports of Independent Expenditures, disclose Independent Expenditures supporting Timothy Michael Kaine, Amerish Bera, Lois Capps and Daniel Benjamin Maffei for the 2012 General election. However, you have disclosed inconsistent Office Sought information for these candidates. Please amend your reports to provide the correct office sought, state and district information or provide clarifying information. 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3)(vii)
- 2. Your committee has filed a 24 hour report for an independent expenditure(s) supporting several candidates (see attached) which has not been itemized on Schedule E supporting Line 24 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please be advised that independent expenditures disclosed on 24 hour reports must also be itemized on a corresponding Schedule E or MEMO Schedule E and Schedule D (if applicable), in the appropriate reporting period. Further, if the actual payment(s) for the independent expenditure(s) occurs after the date of dissemination, the appropriate report(s) should continue to show payment on Schedule E and Schedule D, until the debt is fully extinguished. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction. (11 CFR §104.4)
- **3.** Schedule E supporting Line 24 of your report discloses an independent expenditure(s) on behalf of ELIZABETH WARREN, TIMOTHY MICHAEL

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KAINE and BARACK OBAMA which appears to have been publicly disseminated or distributed after the primary date(s) in the respective state(s). Please be advised that if a communication is aired in one reporting period and the payment is made in a later reporting period, the independent expenditure should be reported as a memo entry on Schedule E when the communication is publicly disseminated or distributed, and on a Schedule D if it is a reportable debt under 11 CFR §104.11. When the payment for the independent expenditure is made, the report should show a payment on Schedule E and the same payment on Schedule D, if applicable.

Please amend your report to provide further clarifying information regarding the independent expenditures disclosed after the primary date(s).

- Schedule B discloses expenditures for "to purchase ads in FL-2 for Al Lawson" supporting Al Lawson and "to purchase ads" supporting Scott Peters, Betty Sutton and Pete Gallego. If a portion or all of these expenditures were for public communications (as defined by 11 CFR §100.26) containing express advocacy as defined under 11 CFR §100.22, this would constitute an independent expenditure and should be properly disclosed on a Schedule E supporting Line 24. Public communications that refer to a clearly identified Federal candidate, but that do not expressly advocate the election or defeat of that candidate should be reported on Schedule B for Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. Please clarify whether this activity contained express advocacy and amend your report to properly disclose this activity, if necessary.
- Schedule H4 discloses 100% non-federal activity. If the disbursements were for operating expenditures paid for with 100% federal funds, they should be itemized on Schedule B for Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. If these expenses were permissibly paid for with 100% non-federal funds, they should not be disclosed on Schedule H4. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.

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Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1157.

Sincerely,

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Missing Schedule E (24 Hour Report) Environment America Action Fund (C00531814)

Name of Payee	Date	Amount	Candidate	Election
FieldWorks	10/18/12	\$18,750.00	BARACK OBAMA	G2012
FieldWorks	10/18/12	\$18,750.00	TIMOTHY MICHAEL	G2012
Work for Progress	10/18/12	\$3,546.38	LOIS CAPPS	G2012
Work for Progress	10/18/12	\$8,916.60	BETTY S SUTTON	G2012
Work for Progress	10/18/12	\$16,549.76	AMERISH BERA	G2012
Work for Progress	10/18/12	\$8,916.60	SHERROD BROWN	G2012

^{*}Your committee filed 24 Hour Reports of Independent Expenditures on 10/19/12 and 10/25/12 referencing these amounts, dates and candidates; however, Schedule E of your report only shows one set of Independent Expenditures corresponding to these amounts, dates and candidates.